

Appl. No. 10/809,814

Amdt. After Final Rejection dated December 11, 2008

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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending herein. Claims 2-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. Applicants thank Examiner Calamita for allowing Claim 1.
2. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, and Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Yoshida et al. These claims have been cancelled thereby mooting their rejections.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and consideration of the Preliminary Amendment filed in the PTO on November 5, 2004.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn and an allowance directed to Claim 1 be issued.

It is believed that no additional fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter,
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Respectfully submitted,



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